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SENATE BILL No. 160

DIGEST OF SB 160 (Updated January 22, 2001 10:53 AM - DI 101)

Citations Affected: IC 4-4; noncode.

Synopsis: Rural economic development. Provides that the Indiana rural development council shall develop a rural economic development strategy to assist Indiana's rural residents in improving their quality of life and to help promote successful and sustainable rural communities. Provides that the strategy must include goals and recommendations concerning certain issues. Provides that the Indiana rural development council shall, before October 1 of each year, submit an annual report to the legislative council to inform the general assembly of the council's work during the period covered by the report and to assist the general assembly in monitoring issues affecting rural communities and responding to the needs of rural residents. Allows the council to contract with regional rural development groups for assistance in developing the rural economic development strategy. Appropriates to the Indiana rural development council \$450,000 from the state general fund for the 2001-2002 state fiscal year and \$450,000 for the 2002-2003 state fiscal year. Allows the council or any regional rural development group with which it has contracted to use the funds to prepare the rural development strategy.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

Skillman, Blade

January 8, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Energy and Economic Development.
January 23, 2001, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state offices and administration and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-4-9.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2001]:

4 **Chapter 9.5. Indiana Rural Development Council**

5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "council" refers to the Indiana**
6 **Rural Development Council established by the 1993 memorandum**
7 **of understanding between Indiana and the United States**
8 **Department of Agriculture.**

9 **Sec. 2. With the approval of the governing board of the council,**
10 **the council shall do the following:**

11 **(1) Develop a rural economic development strategy for**
12 **Indiana to assist Indiana's rural residents in improving their**
13 **quality of life and to help promote successful and sustainable**
14 **rural communities. The rural economic development strategy**
15 **must include goals and recommendations concerning the**
16 **following issues:**

17 **(A) Job creation and retention.**

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(B) Infrastructure, including water, wastewater, and storm water infrastructure needs.

(C) Housing.

(D) Workforce training.

(E) Health care.

(F) Local planning.

(G) Land use.

(H) Assistance to regional rural development groups.

(I) Other rural development issues, as determined by the council.

(2) Beginning in 2002, submit before October 1 of each year an annual report to the legislative council. A report submitted under this section is intended to do the following:

(A) Inform the general assembly of the council's work during the period covered by the report.

(B) Assist the general assembly in monitoring issues affecting rural communities and responding to the needs of rural residents.

(3) Testify concerning rural development issues before any standing committee or study committee established by the general assembly, as requested by the legislative council.

Sec. 3. The council may contract with any regional rural development group for assistance in developing the rural economic development strategy required under this chapter.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001] (a) As used in this SECTION, "council" has the meaning set forth in IC 4-4-9.5-1, as added by this act.

(b) There is appropriated to the council four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) from the state general fund beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2002.

(c) There is appropriated to the council four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) from the state general fund beginning July 1, 2002, and ending June 30, 2003.

(d) The council or any regional rural development group with which the council has contracted under IC 4-4-9.5-3, as added by this act, may use money appropriated under this SECTION for the purpose of preparing the rural economic development strategy required by IC 4-4-9.5, as added by this act.

(e) This SECTION expires July 1, 2003.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Energy and Economic Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 160, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 160 as introduced.)

WEATHERWAX, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0.

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